



# **Flathead National Forest**

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## **Media Release**

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### **Traffic Delays along the Whale Creek Road in the North Fork Area of Flathead National Forest**

Culvert replacement work is taking place along a three mile stretch of the Whale Creek Road, Forest Road #318, on the Glacier View Ranger District, from milepost 8 to milepost 11, near the Ninko Creek area. Travelers can expect up to 90 minute delays within the work area. It is anticipated work will be completed by the end of next week, August 5. For more information, please contact the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District at 406/387-3800.

Other road work continues around the Flathead National Forest, including gravel resurfacing along the East-side Reservoir Road on the Hungry Horse and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts. Culvert installation work is taking place on the Rogers Lake Road, Forest Road #5373, Haskill Mountain Road, Forest Road #2984 and the Mount Creek Road, Forest Road #2987, southwest of Kalispell on the Swan Lake Ranger District. Travelers can expect some traffic delays.

Other road access reminders include the temporary closure of the Moose Creek Road, Forest Road #210C and the Moran Creek Road, Forest Road #5241, in the North Fork area. The Moose Creek Road will be closed approximately 1 mile before the Moose Creek Trailhead, Forest Trail #9, and the entire length of the Moran Creek Road will be closed. The temporary closures are designed to mitigate disturbance to grizzly bears while activities of the Red Whale Fuels Reduction Project are taking place. The roads will open when the fuels reduction work is halted this fall. The temporary road closures will be implemented again next summer when the fuels reduction project continues.

For more information about area road access, contact the local Forest Service office, Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District, 406/387-3800; Swan Lake Ranger District, 406/837-7500 and Spotted Bear Ranger District, 406/758-5376.

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